

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | DOCKET NO. RPU-99-1 |
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ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

(Issued May 19, 1999)

On April 29, 1999, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA), filed a petition to intervene in this docket. In its petition, McLeodUSA stated that this proceeding raises issues that may affect the charges McLeodUSA will incur to provide service to its customers. As a new entrant in the local exchange market, McLeodUSA believes it has an unique interest in the resolution of the issues under consideration in this docket. McLeodUSA further alleges that its interests are not adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding. Accordingly, McLeodUSA petitions to intervene.

No objection or response to McLeodUSA's petition to intervene has been filed. Therefore, the Board will grant the petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene filed on April 29, 1999, by McLeodUSA
Telecommunications Services, Inc., is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 19th day of May, 1999.